(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Progress of Track Renewals for the last three years is as under:—

Years	Progress of Track Renewal in Km.
2004-05	5566
2005-06	4725
2006-07	4686

High speed corridors

3321. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up high speed corridors;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and division-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) It has been decided to carry out pre-feasibility studies for one high speed corridor each in the Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern regions of the country. No sector has been identified for construction of high speed corridors.

Ticketless travellers

3322. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are aware of the ticketless travelling by police personnel in the trains;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by the Railways during last year against these treavellers;

(c) whether Railways are making more stringent law to check such illegal practice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Some incidents of ticketless travelling by police personnel in trains do come to notice Police personnel found travelling without ticket are penalized as per provisions of the Railway Act. To ckeck such illegal practice, minimum penalty for ticketless/irregular travel has been enhanced from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 250/- with effect from 01-07-2004. Such incidents are also brought to the notice of concerned Police Authorities from time to time.

Criteria for superfast trains

†3323. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present criteria for superfast trains and speed fixed per km/per hour for such trains;

(b) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways has recommended to keep only such trains under superfast category which run with a speed of 75 kilometre per hour and above; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Trains, whose average speed on the entire run in both Up & Dn. directions is minimum 55 kmph on Broad gauge and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge, are designated as superfast trains.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Security mechanism on trains and stations

3324. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals worth Rs. 17.71 crores put forward by the Railway Protection Force to procure explosive vapour trace

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.